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2015 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #86

Summer Announcement #75, Yukon River District 5 Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

As a result of considerable conservation efforts, the Canadian-origin Chinook salmon run has now exceeded the upper end of the escapement objective of 42,500 to 55,000. Through July 28, approximately 61,200 Chinook salmon have been counted at the Eagle sonar project. The current projection for Canadian-origin Chinook salmon at the border based on Eagle sonar counts and historical migration timing is approximately 65,000 to 70,000. With a border passage estimate of this size, spawning escapement and harvest sharing objectives are highly likely to be met. Therefore, gear restrictions are being relaxed in District 5.

Beginning Wednesday, July 29, subsistence salmon fishing in District 5 will remain on its current schedule, however, fishermen may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be retained for subsistence use.

Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C Subsistence Fishing Schedule

(from the western edge of the mouth of Illinois Creek to the ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately two miles downstream of Waldron Creek, including the communities of Tanana and Rampart as well as the area near the Yukon River bridge):

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C is open five days per week, from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays to 6:00 p.m. Sundays, with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, subsistence salmon fishermen in Subdistricts 5-A, 5-B, and 5-C may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be retained for subsistence use. Subsistence salmon fishing remains open from 6:00 p.m. Tuesdays to 6:00 p.m. Sundays.

Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule

(from the ADF&G regulatory marker located approximately two miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the U.S./Canada border, including all adjacent tributaries and the communities of Stevens Village, Beaver, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Chalkyitsik, Circle, and Eagle):

Currently, subsistence salmon fishing in Subdistrict 5-D is open 24 hours a day, seven days per week with 6-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels.

Effective 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, subsistence salmon fishermen in Subdistrict 5-D may use 7.5-inch or smaller mesh size gillnets and fish wheels. Chinook salmon caught in gillnet gear and fish wheels may be retained for subsistence use. Subsistence salmon fishing remains open 24 hours a day, seven days per week.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at **1-866-479-7387** (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call **(907) 459-7387**.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADF&G office in Anchorage at 267-2217 or the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Fairbanks at 455-1849.

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